



# By the King, A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For Encouraging Mariners, Seamen and Landmen to Enter themselves on Board His Majesties Ships of War.

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WE being desirous to give all due Encouragement to all such Able Seamen, as have not been in Our Service the last Year, or being in the Service have been regularly Discharged therefrom, and also to able-bodied Landmen, who shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, and remain on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all Seamen and able-bodied Landmen, who shall, after the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation, and before the Twentieth Day of February next, Voluntarily Enter themselves and Remain on Board any of Our Ships of War, or Fire Ships, or on any Press-Galleys or Tenders belonging to Our Fleet, shall Receive as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Allowances and Rewards following, Viz. Each able and ordinary Seaman Three Months Pay, and each able-bodied Landman One Months Pay, to be Paid to them by or before the first Day of May next, and if any Ship shall be sent Abroad, the Men so Entered on Board the said Ships shall be paid before they Sail. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen and Landmen to Repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, and give their constant Attendance, for sitting out to Sea such Ships as each of them do belong unto. And We are also Graciously Pleased to Declare, That Conduct Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall likewise be Allowed to such Seamen and Landmen as shall Voluntarily Enter themselves and Remain on Board any of Our said Ships, according to the true Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for the Prevention of any Deceit and Abuses that may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entering him or themselves on Board any other of Our said Ships, as aforesaid, in order to the obtaining of the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare and Command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall leave any of the Ships or Vessels to which they belong, and Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships in order to the obtaining of the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ship which they shall so leave, but also be severely Punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington*, the Twenty sixth Day of *December*, 1695. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

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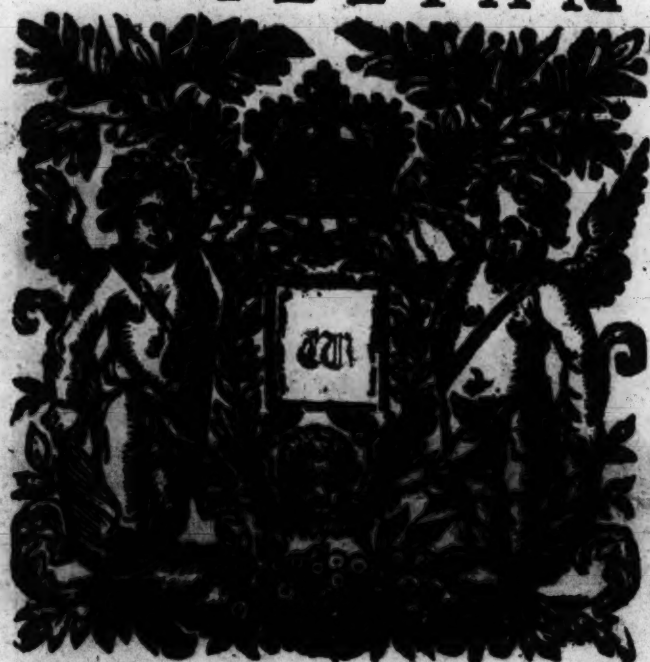


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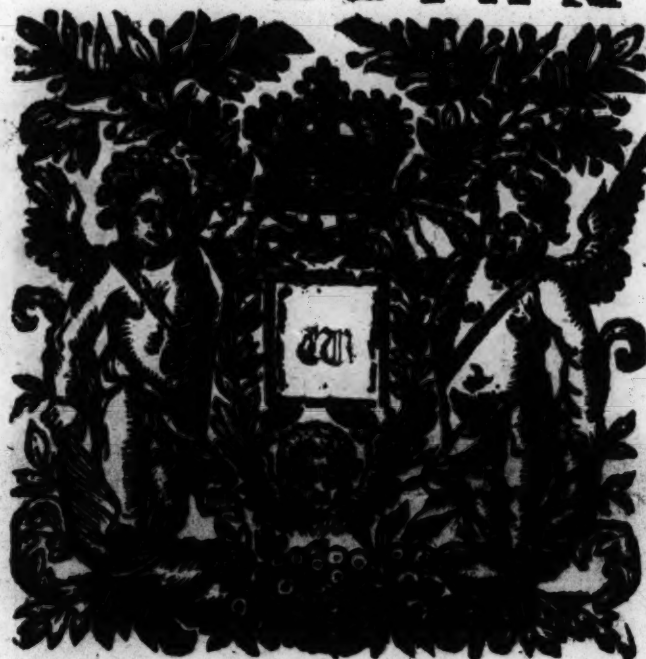




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